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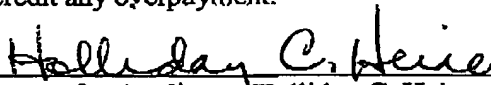
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Docket No.: MBP-007XX

Sir:

In re application of: Klaus Unsicker et al.

Entitled: NEUROPROTECTIVE PROPERTIES OF GDF-15, A NOVEL MEMBER OF THE TGF- $\beta$  SUPERFAMILY

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Non-Compliant Amendment in the above-identified application. The following checked items are applicable:

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- ☐ Other:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTRE: INSERTION OF SEQUENCE LISTING INTO SPECIFICATIONVIA FACSIMILE

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 22, 2005, Applicants submit a corrected version of the amendments to the specification along with the previously submitted claim amendments. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney should any further clarification regarding this amendment be required. Applicants regret any inconvenience caused by the prior amendment filed November 1, 2004.

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